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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1972.

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1972.

Of necessity the report is much briefer than in past years, although all the essential facts and figures are still included. The reason for the brevity is, of course, the vast amount of additional work, especially clerical, which has arisen because of re-organisation in Local Government and in the Health Service. Apart from the additional work-load, all levels of staff have felt uneasy and restless over such major changes.

It is early days to predict the final results of Health Service re-organisation; nevertheless, the principles of unification of the three arms of administration should make for more efficient planning of the way the services should develop. Some care is needed to see that the help and advice which local authorities need continues to be readily available. So far, the preparations to provide this seem satisfactory to me. No doubt some adjustments and alterations will be needed according to the dictates of experience. In summation, I do not feel pessimistic at all over these changes.

The statistics relating to the district are not significantly different to previous years or to national figures, and, therefore, illustrate a continuing satisfactory service to the public. It is relevant, at this time, to point out that this is not just the Public Health Service in isolation. Almost all the measures we undertake depend on concerted approaches by the general practitioners, hospital services and ourselves, underlining again the logic in unification of the three branches.

In closing this introduction, I would like to thank past and present Councillors for their help and encouragement through the years. I have always found our association a friendly one, for which I am grateful. I hope and expect to meet again those who are continuing in public service in the new Authorities, so that not all the old ties will be broken.

My thanks also to all the Officers of the Council for their advice and help.

Last, but not by any means least, my thanks to my own staff - especially for their efforts over the last, very trying, eighteen months.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

F. C. ARMSTRONG.

Medical Officer of Health.

DISTRICT STATISTICS IN BRIEF.

The Penistone Urban District covers an area of 5,593 acres. The district is divided into 3 parts - Penistone, Thurlstone and Hoylandswaine.

The Rateable Value of the district at 1st April, 1972, was £251,558.00, whilst the product of a penny rate was £2,371.00.

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

The Registrar-General has given his estimation of the population at mid-1972 as 8,260. This is an increase of 60 on the 1971 figure.

BIRTHS.

There were 139 live births registered in the district during the year; of these 76 were males and 63 females. There were 6 illegitimate births (3 male and 3 female).

The uncorrected BIRTH RATE was 16.8 per 1,000 of the estimated population. After application of the Comparability Factor (1.02) issued by the Registrar-General, the corrected Birth Rate was 17.2.

STILL-BIRTHS.

There were 5 still-births (3 male and 2 female) registered in the district during the year.

DEATHS.

105 deaths were attributed to the district during 1972; of these 54 were males and 51 females.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE was, therefore, 12.7 per 1,000 of the estimated population. By application of the Death Comparability Factor (0.97) the corrected rate was 12.3.

Set out below are tables of Live Birth Rates, Still-birth Rates and Crude Death Rates, with those rates for other parts of the country. From these tables it can be seen how the district compares with the country generally.

RATES PER 1,000 OF THE ESTIMATED POPULATION.

<u>Year</u>	England and <u>Wales</u>	West Riding Administrative <u>County</u>	<u>Penistone U.D.</u>	
			<u>Crude Rate.</u>	<u>Corrected Rate.</u>
		<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		
1972	14.8	15.4	16.8	17.2
1971	16.0	17.0	15.1	15.7
1970	16.0	17.3	18.6	19.3
1969	16.3	16.9	13.9	16.5

<u>Year</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>	<u>West Riding Administrative County</u>	<u>Penistone U.D.</u>	
			<u>Crude Rate.</u>	<u>Corrected Rate.</u>
		<u>DEATHS</u>		
1972	12.1	12.1	12.7	12.3
1971	11.6	11.4	12.3	11.9
1970	11.7	11.7	14.0	13.6
1969	11.9	11.6	11.4	12.0

<u>STILL-BIRTHS</u>				
(Rates per 1,000 Live and Still-births)				
1972	12.0	12.2	34.7	
1971	12.5	12.3	31.3	
1970	13.0	13.6	7.0	
1969	13.2	13.5	16.3	

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There was one child died under one year of age during 1972 (under 1 week), equivalent to an Infantile Mortality Rate of 7.2 per 1,000 Live Births. The cause of death was prematurity.

<u>DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR.</u>			
(Rates per 1,000 Related Live Births)			
<u>Year</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>	<u>West Riding Administrative County</u>	<u>Penistone U.D.</u>
1972	17.2	17.6	7.2
1971	17.5	18.4	24.2
1970	18.2	19.8	21.1
1969	18.1	18.9	16.5
1968	18.3	18.5	14.7

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There was one maternal death during the year.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CANCER:</u>			
Buccal Cavity, etc.	-	-	-
Stomach.	1	1	2
Intestine.	-	-	-
Lung Bronchus.	2	1	3
Breast.	-	1	1
Other sites, including Leukaemia.	-	-	-
Uterus.	-	4	4
Prostate.	-	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms.	2	4	6
<u>DIABETES.</u>	-	3	3
<u>OTHER DISEASE OF NERVOUS SYSTEM.</u>	1	-	1
<u>OTHER ENDOCRINE DISEASES, etc.</u>	-	1	1
<u>CIRCULATORY SYSTEM:</u>			
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	15	14	29
Hypertensive Disease.	1	-	1
Other Heart Diseases.	2	3	5
Other Circulatory Disease.	2	3	5
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.	-	2	2
Cerebro-vascular Disease.	14	9	23
Anaemias.	-	1	1
<u>DISEASES OF MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM.</u>	1	-	1
<u>RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:</u>			
Pneumonia.	2	-	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema.	4	1	5
Influenza.	2	-	2
TB of Respiratory System.	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	-	-	-
<u>DIGESTIVE SYSTEM:</u>			
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System.	-	-	-
<u>GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM:</u>			
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver.	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Genito-urinary System.	-	-	-
<u>ABORTION.</u>	-	1	1

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH (Contd.)

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CONGENITAL ANOMALIES.</u>	-	-	-
<u>BIRTH INJURY - DIFFICULT LABOUR, etc.</u>	1	-	1
<u>VIOLENCE:</u>			
Motor-vehicle accidents.	2	-	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries.	-	-	-
All other accidents.	1	-	1
All other external causes.	-	1	1
<u>OTHER DEFINED AND ILL-DEFINED DISEASES.</u>	-	-	-
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All Causes :	54	51	105
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AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS.

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Under 1 year	1	-
1 - 10 years	-	-
10 - 15 years	-	-
15 - 25 years	3	-
25 - 45 years	1	2
45 - 65 years	13	7
Over 65 years	36	42
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TOTAL :	54	51
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INQUESTS.

5 Inquests were held, and in 12 cases the cause of death was certified by the Coroner after Post-mortem Examination without inquest.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACTS, 1946/57.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births	
Number	139
Rate per 1,000 population	16.8
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4.3
Still-births	
Number	5
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	34.7
Total Live and Still-births	144
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	1

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACTS, 1946/57 (Contd.)

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	7.2
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	7.5
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	7.2
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	7.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)	41.7
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	-

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases other than Tuberculosis.

During the year 19 cases of Infectious Disease were notified. They were as follows :-

Measles	18
Food Poisoning	1
	<u>19</u>

ATTACK RATE OF COMMONER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>	<u>West Riding Administrative County</u>	<u>Penistone U.D.</u>
Measles	2.97	6.14	2.17
Whooping Cough	0.04	0.03	-
Scarlet Fever	0.23	0.38	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-
Dysentery	0.18	0.07	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISEASE	AGE GROUP													
	0 - 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	5 - 10 years	10 - 15 years	15 - 25 years	25 - 35 years	35 - 45 years	45 - 65 years	65 years & over	Age unknown	TOTALS
Measles	-	-	4	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	18
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	4	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	19

DIPHTHERIA.

The figures shown below illustrate an immunisation rate of approximately 86%. Before adopting the computer system of recording, the rate was approximately 70%. This increase applies also to Whooping Cough and Tetanus immunisation.

					<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Primary immunisations	...	...	...		1,347	1,403
'Booster' doses	...	...	...		1,094	1,337

MEASLES.

The immunisation campaign against Measles continues, and is well received by the majority of parents. During 1972, taking the Division as a whole, 1,288 children were vaccinated.

POLIOMYELITIS.

The table below, showing immunisation numbers for the divisional area, is a satisfactory record, bearing in mind that our total births per annum are about 1,450. It is, of course, vital that this immunisation procedure continues.

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1972.

TABLE 1

Completed Primary Courses - Number of Persons Under Age 16

Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
1972	1971	1970	1969	1965 - 1968		
8	1,043	323	11	17	1	1,403

TABLE 2

Reinforcing Doses - Number of Persons Under Age 16

Year of Birth					Others under Age 16	TOTAL
1972	1971	1970	1969	1965 - 1968		
Nil	20	19	2	1,257	916	2,214

TUBERCULOSIS.

During 1972 one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified in the fourth quarter. Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were transferred to the area, one from Penistone Rural District and one from Wortley Rural District.

Miniature X-ray of the chest is available at the static units in Sheffield and Barnsley.

The Council's main contribution to the control of Tuberculosis is in the field of housing. This is accomplished in two ways; one is by the condemnation of sub-standard houses; the other is by providing suitable housing to families who have to cope with an infectious case in their midst.

B.C.G. VACCINATION.

This procedure, for immunisation against Tuberculosis, continues as before, during a pupil's first year in the Secondary School. The rate of uptake is very high, and the procedure carries very little risk of complication. The table below gives the local figures.

School	Number Tested	Number Positive	Number Negative	Number Vaccinated
Penistone Comprehensive School	243	20	223	210 (13 absent)

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICE.

HOSPITALS.

The general hospitals for the Penistone area are Barnsley and Sheffield, with some small use of the Huddersfield Hospitals.

Cases of infectious disease are treated at Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield, while maternity cases are accommodated at the Chapeltown Maternity Home, St. Helen's Hospital, Barnsley, and the Princess Royal Maternity Home, Huddersfield.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Public Health Laboratories at Wakefield and Sheffield are available to provide all the necessary investigations we may require in the epidemiological field. The respective Medical Directors are most willing to help and advise, and I am grateful to them.

MORTUARY.

There is a Mortuary in Penistone, and this serves the surrounding area.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Ambulance facilities continue to be provided by the West Riding County Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

No staffing difficulties were experienced during 1972, and personnel at the Hoyland Depot number 34, plus 2 cleaners, while at the Penistone Sub-depot there are 9 staff, with 1 cleaner, the entire complement being under the control of a Station Officer.

There was an increase of two vehicles, with 10 ambulances operating from the Hoyland Depot, and 3 from Penistone.

Demands on the service are increasing, and this is reflected in the statistics for the year under review. The number of patients carried was 53,655, an increase of 1,886 on the figure for 1971. The number of miles travelled went up by 19,289, to 317,446. There were 288 calls to road accidents during 1972, involving 428 people, of which 12 were fatalities. In such circumstances, that the majority of the personnel are competent to render first-aid is an invaluable asset, and amply justifies the time spent on training.

WELL-WOMAN CLINICS.

This service, designed to reduce cancer and general illness among women, continues as before. At the clinic the following procedures take place - cervical smear, breast examination, pelvic examination, blood pressure reading, haemoglobin estimation, urine testing for sugar and albumin. To estimate the precise value of these clinics is difficult. There is no doubt, however, that the ladies are in favour, since our waiting lists show a distinct tendency to increase and there will be need to provide extra, regular clinic sessions. This is, of course, an extension of the simple Cervical Cytology Clinics.

FAMILY PLANNING.

Direct Service Clinic sessions are now held regularly on alternate Wednesday afternoons at the Health Centre, Mill Road, Ecclesfield, and the Health Centre, Johnson Street, Stocksbridge. During 1972, 49 sessions were held at these two clinics and 174 new patients were seen. The total number of attendances was 783. For those who live in Hoyland and Penistone, the Stocksbridge and Ecclesfield Clinics can be used, or the patients can attend the Family Planning Association Clinic in Barnsley. As soon as the medical staffing situation permits, it is my intention to set up separate clinics in Penistone and Hoyland. If all goes well, that will be quite soon now.

CLINICS.

Below are the tables showing the various Clinics held within the Penistone District and, in certain cases, figures indicating the number of attendances during 1972.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Name and Address of Centre. Name of Doctor and Nurse in attendance.	Day and Time of Sessions.	Total number of attendances during the year.	
<u>PENISTONE</u> Shrewsbury Road. Dr. J.M. Clarke Mrs. D. Gibson Mrs. Y. Elliott	 Monday p.m.	Number who attended for first time during 1972.	Children up to five years.
		180	1,645
<u>CAWTHORNE</u> Parish Hall. Dr. A.S. Nutt Mrs. D. Gibson	 Alternate Thursdays p.m.	 45	 283
<u>MOBILE CLINIC - MILLHOUSE GREEN</u> Dr. M.R. McGinty Mrs. Y. Elliott	 Alternate Thursdays a.m.	 60	 320
<u>MOBILE CLINIC - THURGOLAND</u> Dr. M.R. McGinty Mrs. D. Gibson	 Alternate Thursdays p.m.	 79	 399

Other Clinics held at SHREWSBURY ROAD include : Ophthalmological
Chiropractic
Speech Therapy

HEALTH VISITING STAFF AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1972.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Telephone Number.</u>
Mrs. Y. Elliott	Mount Tabor House, Scholes Road, Holmfirth, Huddersfield. HD7 7HF.	Holmfirth 4442.
Mrs. D. Gibson	Dearne Head Cottage, Addingley Lane, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield.	High Flatts 468.

During the year the Health Visitors made 1,071 first visits to new cases in the Penistone Urban District.

HOME NURSING STAFF AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1972.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Telephone Number.</u>
Mrs. C. Atkinson	"Kingswood", Broadcarr Road, Hoyland, Barnsley.	Barnsley 742115.
Mrs. A. Holmes	18, Wood End Avenue, Cubley, Penistone. S30 6FS.	Penistone 2708.

During the year a total of 5,883 visits were made by these nurses to 228 new cases.

MIDWIFERY STAFF AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1972.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Telephone Number.</u>
Mrs. K. Fruin	"Plevna", 51, Moor End Lane, Silkstone Common.	Silkstone 8552.
Mrs. K. Randle	Reservoir House, Upper Midhope, Sheffield.	Penistone 2267.

During 1972 the Midwives attended 18 cases as Midwives and 9 as Maternity Nurses. In 21 cases pethidine was administered and in 14 cases trilene analgesia was used.

CHIROPODY SERVICE.

During 1972, 162 patients received 781 treatments at the Clinic; 191 patients received 831 treatments in their own homes. This compares with 167 patients who received clinic treatment and 137 who received treatment at home in 1971.

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS.

The amount of Welfare Foods issued in Penistone Urban District during 1972 was as follows :-

National Dried Milk	...	...	...	219 packets.
Vitamin A and D Tablets	...	...	...	42 (packets of 45).
Vitamin A, D and C Tablets	...	...	...	36 (packets of 45).
Vitamin A.D.C. Drops	...	...	...	642 bottles.

These foods are issued at the following Centres throughout the Division on the days and times stated.

<u>Address of Premises</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Times</u>
<u>STOCKSBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT.</u>		
Health Centre, Johnson Street, Stocksbridge.	Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
<u>PENISTONE URBAN DISTRICT</u>		
Child Welfare Centre, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone.	Monday	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
<u>PENISTONE RURAL DISTRICT.</u>		
Child Welfare Centre, Parish Rooms, Church Street, Cawthorne.	Alternate Thursdays	1.30 - 3.30 p.m.
Child Welfare Centre, Methodist Church Rooms, Silkstone Common.	Alternate Tuesdays	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
<u>HOYLAND NETHER URBAN DISTRICT.</u>		
Child Welfare Centre, Rockingham Youth Club, Sheffield Road, Hoyland Common.	Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Child Welfare Centre, 2, West Street, Hoyland.	Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00 noon. 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

<u>Address of Premises</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Times</u>
<u>WORTLEY RURAL DISTRICT.</u>		
Clinic, Zion Congregational Church, Langsett Road South, Oughtibridge.	Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Clinic, Memorial Hall, Worrall.	Alternate Tuesdays	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Child Welfare Centre, Greenhead Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Greenhead Lane, Chapeltown.	Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00 noon. 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Clinic, Methodist Chapel, Wortley Road, High Green.	Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Health Centre, Mill Road, Ecclesfield.	Monday and Friday	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Clinic, Community Hall, Main Street, Grenoside.	Thursday	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Child Welfare Centre, Wharncliffe Silkstone Welfare Hall, Pilley, Nr. Barnsley.	Alternate Mondays	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Child Welfare Centre, Congregational Church, Loxley.	Alternate Tuesdays	1.30 - 3.30 p.m.
Health Centre, Uppergate Road, Stannington.	Wednesday	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(Prepared by Mr. D. Tutin)

DWELLING HOUSES. 1972.

Inspections under Housing Regulations.	10.
Re-inspections under Housing Regulations.	6.
Inspections not under Housing Regulations.	120.
Re-inspections not under Housing Regulations.	131.

NUMBER OF VISITS TO:

Slaughterhouses.	515.
Butchers' Shops.	8.
Other Food Premises.	43.
Public Conveniences.	6.
Market.	51.
Licensed premises.	8.
Refuse tips.	61.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Initial visits.	12.
Re-inspections.	20.

INSPECTIONS UNDER:

Petroleum Acts.	13.
Factories Acts.	12.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Primary Visits.	1.
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DRAINAGE.

New lengths inspected and tested.	240.
Drainage nuisances.	10.

NUISANCES, ETC. ON BOOKS, WITH NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1971.	130.
Nuisances found during 1972.	76.
Notices served, informal.	76.
Nuisances abated during 1972.	14.
Nuisances outstanding at end of 1972.	130.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The number of premises registered under the Act is as follows:-

- 9 Offices.
- 2 Banks.
- 34 Shops or other premises.

Routing inspections were carried out from time to time, and conditions were generally found to be satisfactory.

MEAT INSPECTION.

8,995 animals were slaughtered during the year at the four slaughterhouses in the district, and a hundred per cent meat inspection was maintained.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The refuse collection service continues to be satisfactory due, in the main, to the use of polythene sacks for refuse storage.

The condition of the refuse tip at Thurlstone Road continues to give concern as it is now rapidly filling up. At the end of 1972 it was estimated that the tip could only be used for a further 2 years. Arrangements are being made with the Penistone Rural District Council to share their tipping facilities when this becomes necessary.

RODENT CONTROL.

All complaints of rodent infestation during the year were investigated, and the necessary treatment carried out by the Council's own employees.

NEW HOUSES.

During the year 62 private houses were completed. This brings the total number of houses in the district to 3,184.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

During the year work commenced on the extension of the sewage disposal works at Hoylandswaine, the extension of the sewerage system in part of Hoylandswaine Ward and the replacement of the Green Road sewer.

